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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR VOLUME
TOMOGRAPHIC MAMMOGRAPHY)

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2001. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1-3, 13, 14, 19-21, 23-27, 37, 43, 44, 47, 48, 53-55, 61-69, 73-75,

and 77 and 80-82 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

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Please amend the claims as follows. Copies of the amended claims marked to show changes are attached hereto beginning on a separate sheet.

4. (Twice Amended) A method of developing a three-dimensional tomographic

mammography image of a breast, the method comprising:

(a) providing a device for performing volume tomography imaging, the device comprising a cone-beam radiation source and a flat panel detector;

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